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SUBJ: LOS : SUBCOMMITTEE III, 6 TH MEETING, APRIL 2

1. UN ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM OFFICIAL (FROSCHE) GAVE DESCRIPTION OF BODY AND PLANS ESPECIALLY AS THEY MIGHT RELATE TO LOS, E. G. EARTHWATCH.

2. CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP 2 REPORTED ON STATUS OF GROUP' S WORK.

3. IRAN STATED THAT ALL STATES MAY UNDERTAKE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES IN THE OCEANS. LDC PARTICIPATION WAS STRESSED AS WAS THE REPORTING OF RESULTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. RESEARCH BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION SHOULD BE SUPERVISED AND REGULATED

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BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. RESEARCH CONDUCTED WITHIN NATIONAL JURISDICTION MAY BE CONDUCTED WITH CONSENT OF COASTAL STATE. HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR TRANSFERRING TECHNOLOGY THROUGH E. G. SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OR REGIONAL CENTERS.

4. MALTA DISCUSSED RATIONALE FOR ITS SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROPOSAL (A/ AC138/ SCIII/ L.34). RESEARCH IS A PREREQUISITE TO RATIONAL UTILIZATION OF OCEAN SPACE. THEIR PROPOSAL SEEKS TO AVOID ABUSE OF COMMERCIAL VENTURES AND OF COASTAL STATE CONTROLS.

5. CHILE NOTED THEIR PARTICIPATION ON RESEARCH SHIPS OF US, USSR, AND JAPAN. THEY FAVOR STIMULATING MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND LOOK FOR PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF RESEARCH. BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION THERE MIGHT BE FREEDOM OF RESEARCH IF NOTICE WERE GIVEN IN ADVANCE, IF RESULTS WERE DISSEMINATED AND IF ASSISTANCE WAS PROVIDED TO LDCS. WITHIN NATIONAL JURISDICTION RESEARCH MAY BE CONDUCTED ONLY WITH COASTAL STATE CONSENT, AND PARTICIPATION, IF IT SO DESIRES.

6 UKRAINIAN SSR STRESSED RETURNS FROM RESEARCH. HE REVIEWED DRAFT (A/ AC138/ SCIII/ L.31) AND STRESSED FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, EXCEPT IN TERRITORIAL SEA AND CONTINENTAL SHELF. HE EMPHASIZED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

7. COLOMBIA STRESSED NEED FOR LDCS TO BENEFIT FROM SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BY TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. THE WORKING GROUP TO BE ESTABLISHED ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. IN TERRITORIAL AND PATRIMONIAL SEA THE COASTAL STATE MUST BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH AS A FULL PARTNER, IN ALL PHASES OF THE RESEARCH.

8. PRC STATED THAT IN REALITY THERE IS NO " PURE SCIENCE" AND AFTER SOME POLEMICS NOTED FIVE BASIC PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH; (I) IN THE TERRITORIAL SEA, RESEARCH REQUIRES CONSENT OF COASTAL STATE; (II) IN THE EXCLUSIVE ZONE (ECONOMIC) ADJACENT TO TERRITORIAL SEA, RESEARCH REQUIRES COASTAL STATE CONSENT; (III) IN AREAS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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(I) AND (II) COASTAL STATE IS ENTITLED TO TAKE PART IN

RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND TO RECEIVE DATA AND SAMPLES.
PUBLICATION OF RESULTS IS SUBJECT TO PRIOR CONSENT OF
COASTAL STATE; (IV) IN INTERNATIONAL SEA- BED AREA BEYOND
NATIONAL JURISDICTION, RESEARCH IS SUBJECT TO MANAGMENT
BY THE INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY TO BE ESTABLISHED; (V)
ALL STATES SHOULD PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN
RESEARCH BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, EQUALITY
AND MUTUAL BENEFIT.

9. USSR COMMENTED ON DRAFT ARTICLES ON SCIENTIFIC RE-
SEARCH, STRESSING THE DEFINITION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARC H,
AND THE FREEDOM THEREOF.

10. UK HAS DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING THAT THERE ARE ANY
GROUNDS FOR REGULATING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, EXCEPT
PERHAPS IF DEEP DRILLING INTO SEABED. RESULTS OF RESEARCH
HAVE BEEN OF BENEFIT TO ALL MANKIND AND WILL LIKELY
CONTINUE TO BE SO. RESEARCH HAS NOT BEEN CONDUCTED
IRRESPONSIBLY. PROBABLY MORE ACTIVE PRACTICAL, INTERNA-
TIONAL COOPERATION IN OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH THAN IN ANY
OTHER BRANCH OF SCIENCE. ONLY GOOD WILL FLOW FROM
ALLOWING RESEARCH TO CONTINUE UNIMPEDED BY REGULATION OR
CONTROL. IF OTHER VIEWS PREVAIL THERE IS LIKELY TO BE A
DECREASE IN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH EFFORT AT SEA. ASKED
THAT INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC UNION STATEMENT
ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BE BROUGHT TO SUBCOMMITTEE' S
ATTENTION. (DOCUMENT WILL BE CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENT OF UK).

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